Landing System (ILS) Cat-III(A) is not capable of permitting blind landings at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. However, the System permits authorized aircraft to land in poor visibility conditions in Runway Visual Range of not less than 200 metres.

(b) The facility of ILS Cat-III(A) at IGI Airport has not been utilized fully due to inadequate training of the pilots of airlines.

(c) There is no proposal to further upgrade this ILS at the IGI Airport since even the present facility has not been fully utilized by the airlines.

Closure of overseas Indian Airlines Offices

16. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of offices of Indian Airlines in different parts of the world, country-wise and city-wise:

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines is seriously thinking of closing down its offices in Europe:

(c) if so, the details of the offices proposed to be closed down; and

(d) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Indian Airlines has its offices in 18 cities in 14 countries outside India.

(b) Indian Airlines is not having any office in Europe.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Upgradation of Nagpur Airport

17. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal to the Central Government for upgradation of Nagpur Airport; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and by when the proposal would be cleared especially when there is no financial liability of Government in this regard?